# City Council OKs Zoo Expansion Plan

# KCCI News. Com Sept. 2011

|  |
| --- |
| [[http://www.kcci.com/images/structures/buttons/button_enlarge.gif](http://www.kcci.com/image/11027059/detail.html)](http://www.kcci.com/image/11027059/detail.html" \o "Zoo Expansion Map)  [[Zoo Expansion Map](http://www.kcci.com/image/11027059/detail.html)](http://www.kcci.com/image/11027059/detail.html" \o "Zoo Expansion Map) |

**DES MOINES, Iowa --** A $25 million plan to expand the Blank Park Zoo got its first official thumbs up. The Des Moines City Council discussed the new plan on Monday night. The zoo wants to expand into the lake area of the Fort Des Moines Park. In exchange, the zoo will buy land just south of Southridge Mall and make it into a new park. Proposals are currently being accepted for potential new zoo exhibits that align with the Zoo’s mission of raising awareness of the plight of endangered species.

**Why are we doing this?**

Students will develop an understanding of the plight of endangered species and the role of zoos in species conservation. Student groups of three will create and present a proposal for a new zoo exhibit. The final project will consist of three components, an educational display or displays to be posted around the exhibit, a persuasive written proposal, and a model of the exhibit.

**What materials will we need?**

A folder to keep all handouts together. This will be kept in the classroom

There is a limited budget for materials to build your model.

Rubrics for each of the final products

**What will be graded?**

Project contract

Project management log

Project work report (self assessment)

Draft of educational display

Draft of written proposal

Blue print of model

**Zoo model – see rubric for specific criteria**

**Final written proposal– see rubric for specific criteria**

**Final educational display – see rubric for specific criteria**

Participation in gallery walk

Peer assessment

**When is everything due?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Assignment** | **Due Date** |
| Contract and project management log | **Sept. 13th / 14th** |
| Draft educational display and written proposal | **Sept. 27th / 28th** |
| Blue print of model | **Sept. 27th / 28th** |
| Final educational display, proposal and model due. Gallery walk | **Oct. 4th / Oct. 5th** |

**How will I be graded?**

Your overall grade will comprise of a group grade based on the quality of your final products and an individual grade that will be based upon ongoing assessment of collaboration, work ethic and ability to meet deadlines. On the exhibition day be prepared to explain your entire project to peers, administration and staff from Blank Park Zoo.